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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA.

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PLANS OF THE MONTONERO TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION TO ATTEMPT THE ASSASSINATION OF A  
GOVERNMENT OR BUSINESS OFFICIAL [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS MAY HAVE PREPARED A LIST OF TARGETS FOR  
ASSASSINATION DURING THE LAST DAYS OF MARCH 1980. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] POSSIBLE TARGETS AS THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ~~JUAN ANTONIO V N I C H O L S O N~~, SUB-SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY.
- B. ~~LUIS ALBERTO A R A G O N~~, AN ASSISTANT TO JOSE M A R T I N E Z DE HOZ, MINISTER OF ECONOMY.
- C. ~~MARCOS RAUL F I R P O~~, MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE RURAL SOCIETY.
- D. ~~FERNANDO C A M P O S M E N E N D E Z~~, MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE RURAL SOCIETY.
- E. ~~RICARDO G R U N E I S S E N~~, A MEMBER OF THE ASTRA BUSINESS GROUP.
- F. ~~ARTURO F. A G U E V E D O~~, A MEMBER OF THE ACINIAR BUSINESS GROUP.
- G. ~~EDUARDO B R A U N C A N T I L O~~, A BUSINESSMAN.

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2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

IN THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH, ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED 12 MONTONEROS; EACH HAD DOCUMENTS INDICATING THAT THEY PLANNED TO PLACE UNDER SURVEILLANCE 10 TARGETS OF THE MINISTRY OF

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ECONOMY AND DECIDE WHICH THREE WOULD BE THE EASIEST TO ATTACK.

[REDACTED] REPORTS OF MONTONERO ACTIVITY ARE PLAUSIBLE,  
SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE

TARGETS AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA OR  
PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN. BETWEEN 27 SEPTEMBER AND 13 NOVEMBER  
1979, THE MONTONEROS MADE THREE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, ONE  
SUCCESSFULLY, AGAINST TWO OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF  
ECONOMY AND A PERSONAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY.  
ALTHOUGH THE MONTONEROS HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN KNOWN ACTS OF  
VIOLENCE SINCE THAT DATE, THEY MIGHT MAKE A SPECTACULAR  
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONTINUING VIOLENT  
OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR SPECIAL OPPOSITION TO  
ITS ECONOMIC POLICIES AND POLICY-MAKERS.)

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: INTENTION OF FORMER MAJOR GENERAL LUCIANO B. MENENDEZ TO  
ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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1. COMMENT: IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1979, MAJOR GENERAL  
LUCIANO B. ~~X~~ M E N E N D E Z, THEN COMMANDER OF THE III CORPS,  
LAUNCHED AN ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT.

AS A  
RESULT OF THAT ATTEMPT, MENENDEZ WAS ~~Y~~ REMOVED FROM THE ARMY  
AND SENTENCED TO ALMOST FIVE MONTHS' DETENTION; THE PRESS  
ANNOUNCED IN LATE FEBRUARY THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED.)

2. WHILE HE WAS STILL IN DETENTION,  
MENENDEZ CONFIDED  
THAT HE HAD PLANNED THE COUP BECAUSE HE WAS TIRED OF HAVING  
TO COMPLAIN TO THE JUNTA ABOUT ITS LACK OF FIRMNESS IN DEALING

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WITH CORRUPTION AND SUBVERSION. HE ADDED THAT BEFORE THE COUP  
HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT HE HAD CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT  
AMONG THE OFFICER CORPS, BUT HE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED THAT  
THIS SUPPORT WAS AMONG JUNIOR AND NOT SENIOR OFFICERS AND FOR  
THIS REASON HIS COUP FAILED. MENENDEZ SAID THAT, AFTER HIS  
RELEASE, HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO CORDOBA TO BUILD UP A  
POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF HIS VIEWS; ONE OF HIS FIRST  
TASKS WOULD BE OBTAINING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS ENDEAVOR.

3. [REDACTED] AFTER HIS RELEASE, MENENDEZ WENT TO BUENOS  
AIRES WHERE HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH SUPPORTERS TO DISCUSS HIS  
POLITICAL PLANS AND THE FORMATION OF A POLITICAL MOVEMENT.  
MENENDEZ EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO INCLUDE RETIRED BRIGADIER  
GENERAL RAMON ~~X~~ C A M P S IN THE MEETINGS, [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: GIVEN THE NAVY'S PROBABLE OPPOSITION  
TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF RETIRED LT. GENERAL ROBERTO  
V I O L A, FORMER COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, IT IS

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POSSIBLE THAT MENENDEZ MIGHT RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF SUPPORT FROM  
NAVY CIRCLES. MENENDEZ'S CRITICISM OF VIOLA WOULD ALSO CONTINUE  
AND EXACERBATE THE TRADITIONAL RIVALRY BETWEEN THE ARMY'S  
INFANTRY BRANCH, REPRESENTED BY VIOLA, AND THE CAVALRY BRANCH,  
REPRESENTED BY MENENDEZ; THE ARMY IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTROL OF  
THE INFANTRY.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE NAVY MIGHT  
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MENENDEZ AS A MEANS OF ATTACKING VIOLA.)

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

POLITICAL MATTERS

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: PROBABILITY OF A CAMPAIGN OPPOSING THE  
PRESIDENCY OF RETIRED LT. GENERAL ROBERTO

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BEGINNING IN MARCH 1980 A PSYCHOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
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FORMER ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ROBERTO V I O L A, WILL  
BE LAUNCHED.

THE NAVY AND THE MINISTRY

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THEY FEAR THAT VIOLA MAY UPSET THE STATUS QUO AND LESSEN  
THEIR CURRENT INFLUENCE BY CREATING NEW MINISTRIES FROM  
THE SECRETARIATS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF THE ECONOMY AND THE

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE NAVY.

THE WHOLE CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT  
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2. [REDACTED]

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WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH RUMORS IN MILITARY AND  
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"FUENTE RESERVADA," ALLEGEDLY MANIPULATED BY THE NAVY, AND  
"ULTIMA CLAVE" AND EVENTUALLY THE PRESS, WILL REACH A PEAK  
DURING THE JUNE TO AUGUST 1980 PERIOD. [REDACTED]

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RUMORS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPE WILL BE CIRCULATED: SPECULATION  
ON WHO WILL REPLACE PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL V I D E L A,  
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3. [REDACTED] THE CAMPAIGN

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WILL BE ELECTED AS VIDELA'S REPLACEMENT.

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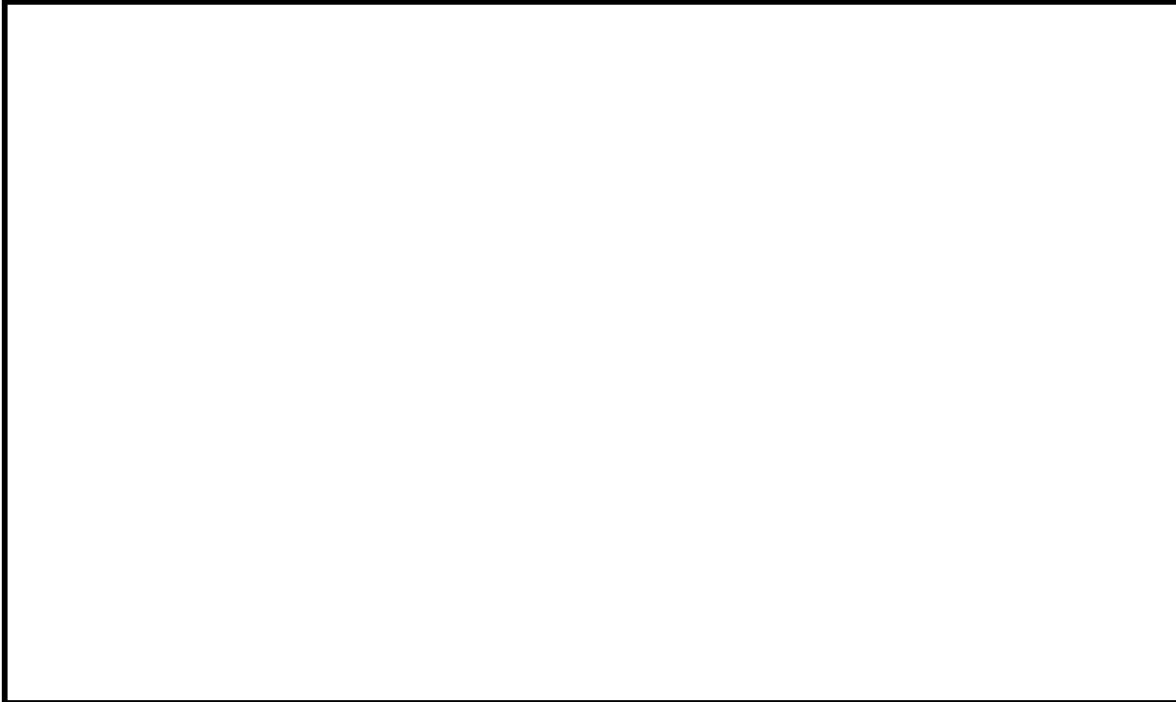
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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ON OBSTACLES TO  
GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL  
FIGURES (DOI: 19 FEBRUARY 1980)

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT

VIEWS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE DIALOGUE WITH  
 POLITICAL FIGURES WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MARCH  
 1980. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL  
 V I D E L A AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY,  
 BRIGADIER GENERAL EDUARDO ALBERTO C R E S P I, ARE IN  
 FAVOR OF EXTENDING THE DIALOGUE TO ALL POLITICAL GROUPS

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WHICH ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUBVERSIVE. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, MAJOR GENERAL ALBANO  
H A R G U I N D E G U Y, MAINTAINS A POSITION WHICH WOULD  
EXCLUDE MANY PERONIST POLITICIANS IN FAVOR OF MORE  
CONSERVATIVE PARTIES SUCH AS THE RADICAL PARTY. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAS YET  
BEEN DEFINED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO  
THE DIALOGUE, IT IS THE FIRST INITIATIVE BY THIS GOVERNMENT  
TOWARD ACHIEVING CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNING  
PROCESS. NEVERTHELESS, [REDACTED] THE PROCESS  
WILL BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL RELUCTANCE ON THE  
PART OF THE MILITARY TO RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE.

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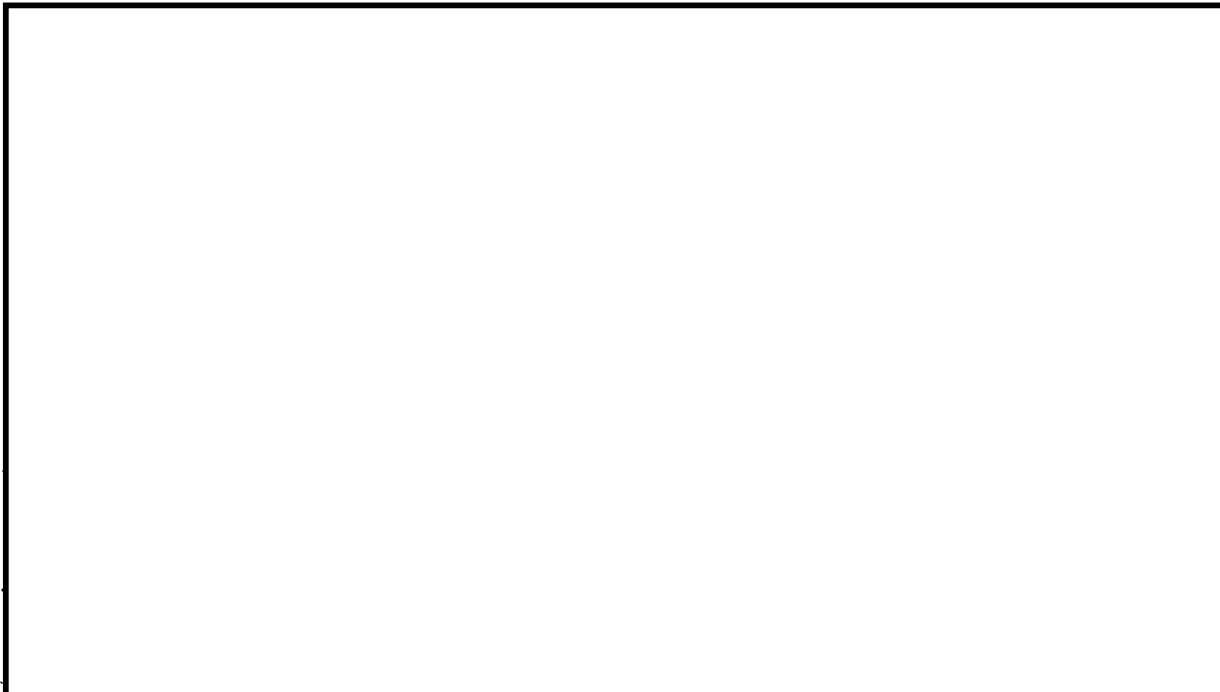
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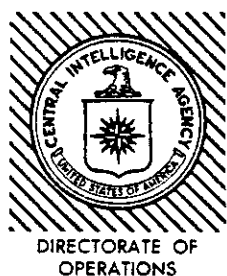
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POLITICAL MATTERS

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: MECHANICS OF GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO ESTABLISH  
A DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL FIGURES; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE MILITARY JUNTA INTENDS

TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL FIGURES DURING THE  
FIRST HALF OF MARCH 1980 AS PART OF THE JUNTA'S POLITICAL  
PLAN TO DETERMINE THE WAY IN WHICH ARGENTINA WILL RETURN TO  
CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. THE DIALOGUE WILL INITIALLY BE CONDUCTED  
WITH INDIVIDUALS WHOSE IDEOLOGICAL POSITIONS ARE REPRESENTA-  
TIVE OF NATIONAL POLITICAL GROUPS BUT WHO ARE NOT POLITICAL  
LEADERS THEMSELVES. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE EXPECTED TO  
ACT AS GOBETWEENS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND SPECIFIC POLITICAL

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LEADERS UNTIL THE LATTERS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT  
IS DETERMINED. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT WILL  
PERMIT POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY POLITICIANS WHO ARE WILLING TO  
WORK WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL PLAN, BUT ONLY IF THEY  
ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF AND CONTROL A SIZEABLE GROUP OF  
POTENTIAL VOTERS. [REDACTED] THE MOST COMPLEX  
PROBLEM IS HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PERONIST MOVEMENT SINCE IT IS  
MADE UP OF SO MANY FACTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO BE  
EXTREMELY ALERT AND CAUTIOUS IN DETERMINING WHICH FACTIONS  
ARE TRULY REPRESENTATIVE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON 20 FEBRUARY 1980,  
THE ARGENTINE PRESS REPORTED THAT, ON 19 FEBRUARY, THE MILITARY  
JUNTA HAD MET TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOCUMENT  
ON POLITICAL BASES FOR THE NATIONAL REORGANIZATION PROCESS,  
INCLUDING A "POLITICAL DIALOGUE.").

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3. [REDACTED] THE INITIAL DIALOGUE WILL  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE AN INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL FIGURE'S  
CONVICTIONS AND WHETHER HE CAN WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
IN ESTABLISHING A POLITICAL PROGRAM. THE GOVERNMENT IS  
LOOKING FOR OBJECTIVE POLITICIANS WHO ARE NOT BIASED TO THE  
POINT WHERE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF  
THE DIALOGUE WOULD BE HINDERED. THE MARCH 1980 INTERVIEWS  
WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A POLITICAL COMMISSION MADE UP OF THE  
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, HIS ADVISORS AND A MILITARY  
COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF A NAVY CAPTAIN, AN AIR FORCE COLONEL

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AND AN ARMY COLONEL. AT THE SAME TIME EACH SERVICE WILL  
DESIGNATE AN ACTIVE DUTY GENERAL RANK OFFICER WHO WILL BE  
THE LIAISON POINT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF EACH  
SERVICE AND THE POLITICAL COMMISSION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON  
17 FEBRUARY 1980, THE DAILY NEWSPAPER "CLARIN" REPORTED  
THAT THE MILITARY POLITICAL COMMISSION WOULD BE COMPOSED  
OF ARMY COLONEL M A N S I ' L L A (FNU), NAVY CAPTAIN  
M A R I N O (FNU) AND RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL FRANKLIN  
V A R E L A. "CLARIN" ALSO REPORTED THE FORMATION OF A  
SUPERVISORY COMMISSION COMPOSED OF ARMY GENERAL RAUL  
O R T I Z, REAR ADMIRAL CARLOS C A R P I N T E R O AND  
AIR FORCE BRIGADIER GENERAL RODOLFO G U E R R A.)

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS CONCERNED

REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE  
WITH ARGENTINE POLITICAL FIGURES IN MARCH 1980. THE BASIS  
FOR THIS CONCERN IS AS FOLLOWS: 1980 IS LIKELY TO BE AN  
UNSETTLED YEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE ECONOMY SINCE GOVERNMENT  
EFFORTS TO CURB INFLATION ARE ALREADY RESULTING IN RECESSION  
AND UNEMPLOYMENT. SINCE THE LABOR UNIONS ARE NOW INTERVENED

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BY THE MILITARY, THE ONLY ESCAPE VALVE FOR PUBLIC RESENTMENT  
IN THE FACE OF UNEMPLOYMENT WILL BE THE POLITICAL PARTIES.  
THESE RESENTMENTS ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE FRICTION BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERS THUS COMPLICATING THE  
POLITICAL PROCESS.

6. [REDACTED] CRITICIZED THE JUNTA FOR PUBLICLY  
ANNOUNCING ITS INTENTION TO BEGIN A POLITICAL DIALOGUE WHEN  
IT HAS NOT, IN FACT, DRAWN UP ANY GUIDELINES FOR ITS OWN  
POSITION. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT YET HAVE ANY FIRM POSITION  
ON HOW IT INTENDS TO RETURN TO POLITICAL LIFE NOR A TIMETABLE  
FOR SUCH A RETURN. THIS IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT WHEN IT  
HAS NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO CIVILIAN RULE WITHOUT  
SOME GUARANTEE OF A MILITARY VETO OVER THE POLITICAL  
SITUATION. AS A RESULT, THE GOVERNMENT BASICALLY HAS NOTHING  
TO OFFER POLITICIANS IN RETURN FOR THEIR COOPERATION.

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[REDACTED] IS HOPEFUL THAT PRESIDENT 'JORGE RAFAEL  
V I D E L A' S SPEECH ON 24 MARCH 1980, THE FOURTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER, WILL  
CLARIFY THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, SINCE AT PRESENT IT  
HAS NONE. [REDACTED] ATTEMPTING TO OPEN [REDACTED]  
DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL LEADERS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE  
INTERIOR'S "PLAN DE COMUNICACION SOCIAL". [REDACTED]

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